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A senior member of the Foreign Service, Mr. Curtis is based in Washington DC in the Office of International Operations at the US Department of Commerce Headquarters operations. Keith is the Vice President for the Commercial Service for the American Foreign Service Association. AFSA represents the 28,000 members of the active and retired Foreign Service ( [www.afsa.org](http://www.afsa.org) ). Keith was re-elected to a second two-year term starting in July 2011. Keith also served as the representative for the Commercial Service to AFSA in 1995-97.

Mr. Curtis returned from Stockholm in 2008 where he served as the Regional Senior Commercial Officer for Sweden, Denmark, Latvia and Iceland. Mr. Curtis was responsible for commercial affairs for the region as chief representative for the US Department of Commerce programs and was principal in the OBT program of energy cooperation between the US and Scandinavia. He was assigned to Stockholm in the August of 2003.

Mr. Curtis completed his undergraduate degree from Dickinson College in 1976 with a specialization in International Relations and a concentration in Soviet Studies. He completed his MBA at the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) in 1980.

Mr. Curtis spent more than a decade in the 80s and 90s working in the Information Technology Sector with Burroughs Corporation, Tymnet Inc., McDonnell Douglas and British Telecom. From the technical to the marketing side, Mr. Curtis started as a computer programmer and worked his way up to Manager of Carrier Relations negotiating International Interconnect agreements for Packet-switched network links for foreign governments and entities.

In 1990 Mr. Curtis entered the Foreign Service and has served in Tokyo, Japan, Washington DC on the European Desk, Brasilia, Brazil, and Stockholm, Sweden. During his career he worked on The Tokyo Auto Agreement, The Bosnia Commercial Mission, and the Brazil-US Caucus development programs. He has spoken widely in public forums and has written for various publications including The American British Business Journal on "The State of Green Building in the US Today", the Foreign Service Journal and the European Trade Journal. He has been trained in the French, Japanese, Russian, and Portuguese languages.